

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

SLAVE CABIN AT EDWARD COLLISON FARM

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

West Side of Loch Haven Road, 1/4 Mile North of Jct. W/Rt. 214

CITY, TOWN

Collison's Corner, Edge Water

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☒ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☐ OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERICAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☒ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mayflower Mortgage Company

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel County Courthouse

Liber #: Map #60

Folio #: AD # 1  
Parcel #18

STREET & NUMBER

1

Liber/Folio #2446/21

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust  
Annapolis

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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## 7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This log house is an integral member of the complex of 19th century buildings on the Collison farm. Each of them is decaying, this house and the smoke house being in the gravest condition. The tobacco barn has already collapsed.

The construction of the house is rough (the unplanned plank partitions and the exposed puncheon joists), is strictly utilitarian, and is plain to the point of starkness. Inside there remains no sign of embellishment or personal expression, except perhaps through the functional things that were hand-made, such as the door latches, but these too are devoid of decorative carving.

The house is one bay in length across both the facade (East) and rear (West). A late 19th century kitchen (now in ruins and overgrown) was added to the rear. Although the length and width (c.17' x c. 14') of this slave cabin are about the same as others, its height is much shorter, its front doorway measuring only 5' and the rooms less than 6'.

The cabin rests on stone pilings, hewn sills, and puncheon sleepers. The log walls are sheathed with board and batten attached by cut nails. The corners are diamond-notched; and the wide gaps between the logs are chinked with modern bricks, planks, and mortar. On the South gable end a narrow brick chimney has replaced the original, which may have been brick. Into the North gable wall was cut a small rectangular window opening with one sash of 2 over 2 lights; the sash and even the opening do not appear to be original. A small window opening was also sawn in the front door, but the door is not original, thus unless the original door had a window opening (which would have been uncommon), the ground floor had no windows, hence little light.

The interior consists of two small rooms, divided by a partition of planks vertically attached and cut by a circular saw. A low door connects the two rooms. Another doorway leads from the front room into the kitchen addition in the rear. In both rooms, the walls are whitewashed. In the front room the fireplace has been filled in with logs and a clay pipe installed for the wood stove. The mantle appears to be late 19th century and, though plain, has the most finished wood in the house. It is mill-made and may have been bought new or removed from another house.

In the northeast corner of the front room a steep and narrow stairway leads to the loft. It ascends directly over the end of the mantle and forcefully shows how cramped the quarters were. It resembles a ladder whose underside has been enclosed by horizontal planks. Indeed, it may have replaced a ladder, similar in usage to those at Blair's Purchase and East St. Mary's Manor in St. Mary's County. The treads are deeply worn, though not original. A plank door with a hand-made wooden latch closes off the stairway at the bottom landing.

The frame loft is bisected into two rooms, corresponding to the two below. Each gable end has a window. The ceiling of turn of the century 1" x 4" planks covered the rafters, but where they had decayed, one could see that they had been mortised, tenoned, and pegged at the peak. The roof is covered more by honeysuckle than by the few remaining wood shingles.

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## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel

ORGANIZATION

Commission for Afro-American and Indian History and Culture

DATE

1/76

STREET & NUMBER

12 W. Madison St.

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

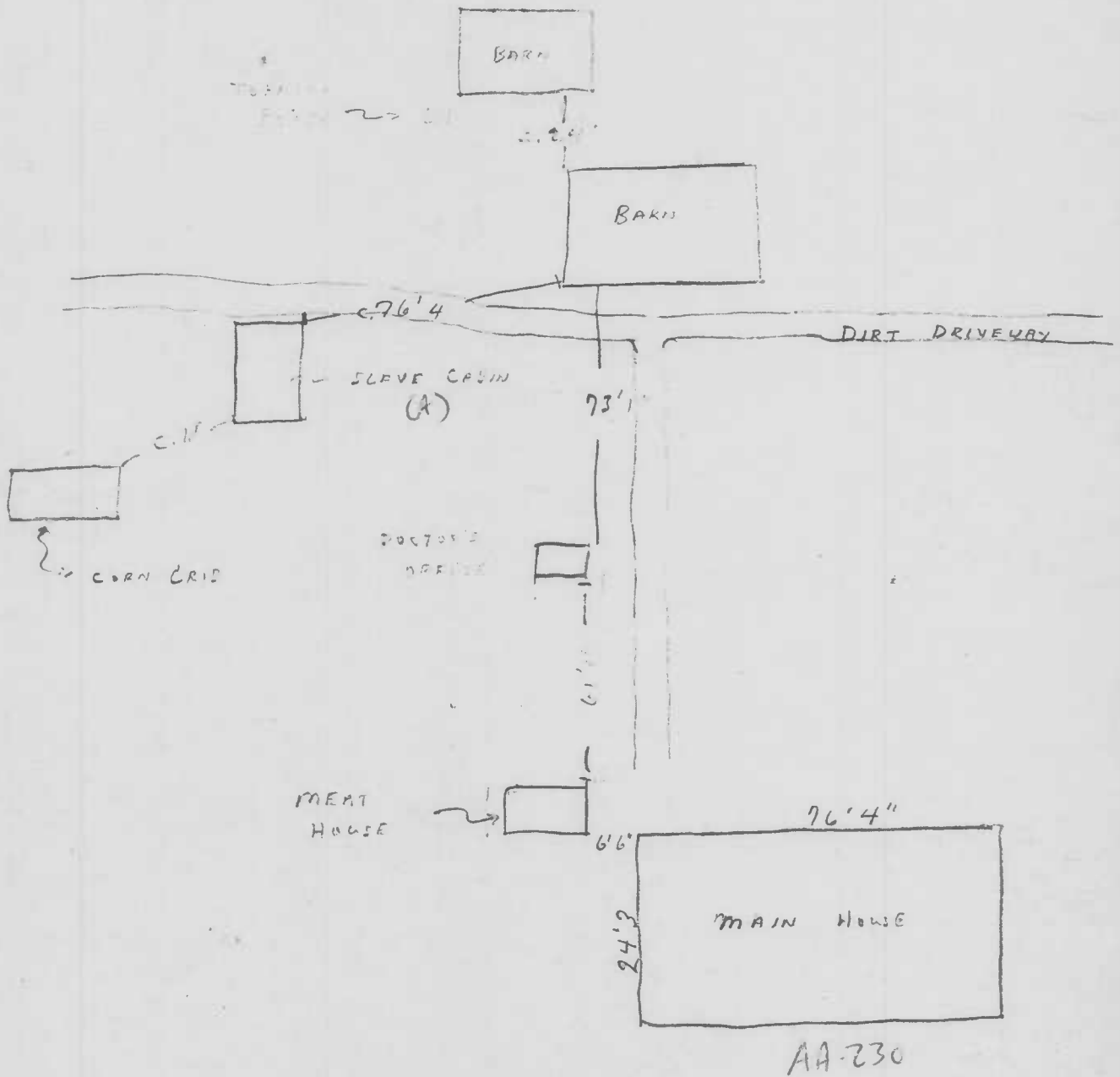
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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COLUMBIA FARM COMPLEX

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SLAVE CABIN AT EDWARD COLLISON FARM

George McDaniel

1976





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Log quarter at  
"Edward Collison House"  
East elevation

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SLAVE HOUSE AT COLLISON  
FARM

near Collison's Corner, Md.

George McDaniel

1976



3. Collinson Farm Archeological Site (18 AN 574).

Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

Photo by Daniel Koski-Karell.

26 May 1986.

Negative at Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD.

View: Slave Cabin ruin; northern elevation; camera is facing south from northern corner of the cabin.

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View: Slave Cabin ruin; southeast elevation; camera is  
facing west.  
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